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BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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FIRST SET OF FOLLOW-UP INTERROGATORIES OF MAJOR MAILERS ASSOCIATION TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE **REGARDING OCTOBER 16, 1997 RESPONSE**

Major Mailers Association asks the United States Postal Service to answer the following follow-up interrogatories pursuant to Rules 25 and 26 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. In answering these interrogatories, the Service is requested to follow the General Instructions that were set forth in the Attachment to the First Set of Interrogatories to its witnesses. Requests for data or documents are to be interpreted in accordance with General Instructions G and H.

Respectfully submitted,

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MMA INTERROGATORIES TO POSTAL SERVICE

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In the Postal Service's October 16 Response, on the page designated as "Attachment to Response to MMA/USPS-T32-15(B) et al., page 3, PRC-30F, Page 2 of 2," please refer to line 14. There the Postal Service has provided two adjustments to institutional costs (all expressed in \$000). One adjustment pertains to air transportation (\$-3955); the other to delivery confirmation costs (\$27,312). The result of these two adjustments increases the LR-215 institutional costs of \$21,379,790, by \$23,357. The adjusted institutional costs thus become \$21,403,147.

- (A) Please explain the rationale for the two adjustments to the LR H-215 institutional costs, as show in line 14 of PRC-30F.
- (B) When Exhibit USPS 30-F was revised on September 19, 1997, why were similar adjustments not made to the Postal Service's institutional cost of \$26,683,278, as shown in line 50 of Exhibit 50 of Exhibit USPS-30B (rev.)?

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document, by First-Class Mail, upon the participants in this proceeding.

October 21, 1997

Jeff Plummer